Rama Varmha Tampuran:—It is a demonstration plot. I do not think that there are any Taluk Farms here.

Dr. A. R. Menon—deporting of.

180. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any truth in the rumour that the Government is contemplating to deport Dr. A. R. Menon, M. L. C., from the Cochin State;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, the reasons for the same?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (a).

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval:—After all, was there any rumour at all?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— The Hon'ble Member who put the question can answer it well.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— I never ask a question without any foundation. I know the responsibilities of an Hon'ble Member of this House and I have done it. It had been a bazaar talk.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval:—May I know whether in the Government's knowledge there has been any such rumour?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—Government does not go about hunting after rumours.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Has any other step been taken against him as an undesirable element?

President:—The question is whether there is any truth in the rumour that Dr. A. R. Menon is going to be deported.

Levy of Excise duty on matches.

181. **E. Ikkanda Warriar**:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when did the British Government begin to levy excise duty on matches?

(2) when did our Government begin to collect it;

(3) the reasons for the delay in beginning the collection;

(4) the probable loss the Government is put to on account of the delay?

Mr. M. P. Cherian:—(1) From 1st April 1934.

(2) From 4th August 1934.

(3) The question of the State's co-operating in the scheme was finally decided only early in May last and urgent steps had to be taken to enact legislation on the lines of the

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